

## ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATES

### Summer Data Work

As we begin to prepare for the 2018-19 school year, there are some data issues we want to draw your attention to: removal of old reports currently stored in SAFE, and ensuring your district is prepared for the accountability inquiry period that will take place in August.

#### **SAFE Clean-Up** - *Save Locally by 8/23*

SAFE - the Secure Access File Exchange - is a way for DPI to provide secure files to districts to download and work from locally. SAFE has been in use for a number of years and it's time to clean up the application to free up space for newer reports. Our data warehouse team will remove these files from SAFE in August:

- o AMAO Reports (District Profile) from 2009-10 to 2014-15
- o SGP Reports from 2008-09 to 2010-11
- o Value-Added Reports from 2008-09 to 2012-13

If you want to keep a record of any of these reports locally, please download and securely save these files by August 23rd.

#### **Summer Inquiry Period** - *Demographics and Deductions*

In preparation for upcoming accountability releases - the school and district report cards in the fall, and our proposed ESSA accountability system in winter - we plan to hold an inquiry period in August. The purpose of the inquiry period is for schools and districts to verify their demographic data prior to when report card or other accountability calculations are run. Any school or district that, based on preliminary calculations, has a deduction for dropout rate or chronic absenteeism rate will also be able to verify the student data included in both dropout and absenteeism calculations.

Note that **your district's demographic data will be used in both the state and federal accountability systems**. That is, in the Accountability Report Cards and in the proposed ESSA identification system.

We anticipate opening the inquiry window in early August. Stay tuned for specific dates, which we'll update soon here in the DAC Digest as well as on the [report card timeline](#). Please be sure the appropriate staff are prepared to review the school-level and district-level demographic data; and that they are available during the first half of August. This will ensure that your district's data used for state and federal accountability scoring will be as accurate as possible. And if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us!

# WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

## Office of Student Assessment

The [2017-18 Vendor-Based Reporting Information](#) provides an overview of the 2017-18 spring testing reports available from vendors (i.e., description, where/when available, etc.). This document outlines the following for the various reports:

- Report description
- Report format
- Where to access the report
- The anticipated date/timeline of the report release date
- Recommended use of the report

The ACT, Forward Exam, and DLM Assessment results remain under **embargo**. This embargo usually lasts until a DPI press release date. As assessment reports become available in the secure portals, please be aware that DPI will notify districts when results may be shared publicly. In the meantime, public release of the data from these assessments is not permissible.

The vendor-based data reporting mentioned above, as you know, is separate from the extensive processes involved here at DPI. As the final data files are being delivered to DPI from each of the vendors, DPI staff are beginning to prepare the data for reporting in WISEdash for Districts, the WISEdash Public Portal, and Accountability Report Cards. Public reporting of assessment results must meet Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requirements regarding student data. DPI data warehouse and OEA teams are working under tight timelines this summer to load, clean, quality assure, and report data in time for the WISEdash Public and report card releases.

We'll be taking a short summer break from the DAC Digest, but anticipate resuming weekly updates in August. In the meantime, please feel free to contact us with any assessment ([osamail@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:osamail@dpi.wi.gov)) or accountability ([oeamail@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:oeamail@dpi.wi.gov)) questions. Wishing you a sunny and safe summer!

## Strategic Assessment

### SmartTeach Application

We are planning an open pilot in the fall of 2018 to test the new features that were added to the SmartTeach application based on the feedback from the Spring 2018 pilot. We are inviting K-5 teachers (at least two within one school) to join the pilot in the fall. These K-5 educators will use the app and provide feedback to our application development team about the usability of the features and suggest additional features that would enhance the tool.

### What are the expectations for pilot participants?

- Optional 30-60 minute online training via web conference
- Use the SmartTeach application regularly
- [Join Google+ Community](#)
- Provide feedback (issues, concerns, ideas for improvement or enhancements) to DPI via survey

Please read the [pilot description](#) and fill out this [google form](#) if you are interested. Your spot within the pilot program is not reserved until the form has been completed and submitted.

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## Forward Exam

### New:

#### District Option to Request Separate Electronic ISRs per Student

Currently, electronic Individual Student Reports (ISRs) are grouped into PDFs by school and grade. Some districts have expressed an interest in receiving a PDF of each student file that would allow them to easily upload the electronic versions of ISRs to their student information system (SIS). If your district would like ISRs in this format (individual PDFs per student), please complete this short [google form](#) and submit by July 27.

#### Reminders: Data and Results

Individual Student Reports (ISRs) and summary reports are now available electronically in eDIRECT. eDIRECT reporting tools will allow users to extract data in an Excel or .csv file. Hard copy ISRs will be mailed to districts July 23.

## Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

### Reports:

Dynamic Learning Maps Individual Student Reports, Summary Reports, and Aggregate Reports are now available in [KITE Educator Portal](#) under the Reports>Results>Year End Assessments. Those with the roles of district superintendent, district test coordinator (DTC), district user, building test coordinator, and building user are able to open reports for their appropriate level of access. District General Research Files (GRF) are also now available in KITE Educator Portal under Reports>Data Extracts>Downloads. Please note that only district superintendents, DTCs, and district users have access to the GRF. Please download and share with teachers and parents as soon as possible.

Please refer to the bottom of the [DLM Data and Results](#) webpage for two helpful resources related to the DLM ISRs:

- Sample parent letter
- A Guide to Understanding Your Student's Year End Score Report

## ACT HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

### WorkKeys

#### National Career Readiness Certificates

Students who earned a score of at least 3 on all three tests earned a WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC). Certificates are available to districts in SAFE. DACs, please work with school test coordinators to print and distribute NCRCs to students. In SAFE, districts will also find a WorkKeys data file for each school that includes students' usernames and passwords for myworkkeys.com. DACs should work with school test coordinators to distribute this login information to students. DACs can use the [sample MyWorkKeys user id letter](#) and [sample MyWorkKeys password letter](#) for distribution of the login information.

#### Score Reports

Paper WorkKeys score reports were mailed to schools in May. Schools should distribute the Individual Student Summary Reports to students. WorkKeys score reports are also accessible via the Validus online reports portal. ACT sent two emails to schools on May 11: one email with a link to Validus and a second email with login information. [ACT WorkKeys Online Reports Portal User Guide](#) provides instructions for this feature. [Score Reports Available in Online Reports Portal](#) provides a list and description of the available reports. There is no district access to Validus.

## **WISEdash for Districts**

ACT WorkKeys results from the Spring 2018 administration are now available in WISEdash for Districts. The 2018 administration utilized the three new ACT WorkKeys assessments (Workplace Documents, Graphic Literacy, and Applied Math). For this reason, results from the 2018 administration are not directly comparable to results from the previous administrations. For more information about the changes made to the 2018 assessment, see the [ACT WorkKeys About the Data](#) page. ACT produced a webinar about the 2018 WorkKeys assessment. [The recording is viewable online.](#)

## **Aspire Early High School**

### **Reports Available in the Aspire portal**

ACT Aspire results from the Spring 2018 administration are now available in the Aspire portal. Please print and distribute Individual Student Reports to students and families. The [Aspire Data and Results Webpage](#) is updated with interpretive guides and other resources for districts, schools, students and families.

### **Updated Skill Proficiency and Subject Proficiency by Demographic Reports**

ACT has informed us that corrections were made to the Skill Proficiency by Demographic and Subject Proficiency by Demographic reports. Corrected reports were posted on July 17, 2018. Please refer to the new reports. Individual Student Reports were not affected by these corrections. ACT will send an email to test coordinators and DACs with more information in the next week. Please refer to this email for more information.

### **Reporting Updates**

The following updates were first announced in December, 2017 DAC Digest and Biweekly ACT email:

- **Aspire Writing Score:** ACT Aspire has updated reporting for the writing test to no longer include an overall writing scale score. The writing section of the ACT Aspire will still contribute to the Aspire ELA score. The four writing reporting categories (domains) for the ACT Aspire writing test will continue to be reported on the Individual Student Reports.
- **Aspire ELA and STEM Benchmarks:** ACT Aspire ELA and STEM benchmarks have been updated to align with the College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT. The revised benchmarks can be found in the [Spring 2018 Interpretive Guide for the ACT Aspire Summative Reports](#).
- You can read more about Aspire reporting updates here: <https://www.discoveractaspire.org/fall-2017-reporting-updates/>

## **Reading Readiness**

### **2018-19 School Year**

For the 2018-19 school year, the reading readiness requirement will remain the same. Districts will be required to assess for reading readiness all 4 year old Kindergarten through 2nd grade students at least once during the school year. Each school board and the operator of each charter school shall select the appropriate, valid, and reliable assessment of literacy fundamentals to be used. The school board or operator shall ensure that the assessment evaluates whether a pupil possesses phonemic awareness and letter sound knowledge.

DPI will reimburse districts for expenses incurred fulfilling the administration requirements. More information about reimbursement can be found at: [Reading Readiness Reimbursement](#).

## Reading Readiness Results

DPI will load 2017-18 PALS, MAP and STAR reading readiness results to WISEdash for Districts. Districts who had student data loaded for these screeners in 2016-17 will continue to have their data loaded in 2017-18. Districts that did not previously sign a data release will need to do so in order to have their data uploaded into WISEdash. Information on data sharing agreements can be found at:

- PALS - <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/reading-readiness/FAQ#data>
- MAP - <https://dpi.wi.gov/wisedash/districts/about-data/map>
- Star - <https://dpi.wi.gov/wisedash/districts/about-data/star>

## Reading Readiness Additional Information

More information about reading readiness requirements can be found at: [Reading Readiness Information](#) and [Reading Readiness FAQ](#).

## ACCESS for ELLs

### WIDA Website Changes

WIDA will release an update to their website on August 15th. The URL will change from wida.us to wida.wisc.edu, and it will have a new look and feel. Redirects for most commonly used pages will be created.

With this change, WIDA will be separating their public facing content from their test administration content. Users in your district without accounts may need accounts created for them to access materials which were previously available without a login.

## NAEP and International Assessments

*(Selected schools only)*

Letters have been sent out to District Administrators and DACs with schools selected for the 2018-19 NAEP, TIMSS, or IELS. We greatly appreciate the time and effort your staff and students contribute to participate in these important national and international assessments. If you have any questions please contact Angela Dugas, [angela.dugas@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:angela.dugas@dpi.wi.gov).

## DAC DIGEST DIGESTIBLES

Important Dates to Remember		
July	23: Hard copy ISRs will be mailed to districts	Forward
	mid-July: WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificates and student logins and passwords for myworkkeys.com available in SAFE	WorkKeys

Important Tasks to Remember	
<input type="checkbox"/> Update <a href="#">KITE Client</a> on testing devices.	DLM
<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure relevant team members are aware of the information regarding reading readiness assessment at <a href="#">Reading Readiness Overview</a> and <a href="#">Reading Readiness FAQ</a> .	Reading Readiness
<input type="checkbox"/> Review the <a href="#">ACT Data and Results webpage</a> for details on ACT score reports. <input type="checkbox"/> Review the <a href="#">WorkKeys Data and Results webpage</a> for details on WorkKeys score reports. <input type="checkbox"/> Distribute WorkKeys Individual Student Summary Reports to students. <input type="checkbox"/> Distribute WorkKeys Certificates to students (or prepare to do so in the fall).	ACT/WorkKeys
<input type="checkbox"/> Distribute Aspire Individual Student Reports to students (or prepare to do so in the fall).	Aspire

New Online Resource Highlights		
<i>As new resources are posted to our website, we will include them here for your convenience. This is NOT an exhaustive list, but meant to highlight resources with significant relevance to our upcoming test windows.</i>		
Resource	Description	Assessment
<a href="#">District Test Coordinator Checklist</a>	A quick checklist for all of the required DLM responsibilities	DLM
<a href="#">Data Management Manual</a>	A guide to the required steps for loading and editing data in KITE Educator Portal	
<a href="#">WorkKeys Data and Results</a>	Webpage including links to sample reports and interpretive guides for WorkKeys.	WorkKeys
<a href="#">WorkKeys About the Data</a>	Detailed information about WorkKeys scores and data.	
<a href="#">WorkKeys Webinar Recording</a>	Recording of webinar explaining the 2018 WorkKeys assessment and results.	
<a href="#">ACT Aspire Reporting Resources</a>	Landing page for Aspire reporting resources, guides, and trainings.	Aspire
<a href="#">ACCESS Scores</a>	Interpretive Guide, Parent Letters, etc.	ACCESS